Commemorative Services for Vila Mae Alexander Smith

JULY 6, 1924 - MARCH 3, 1988

Favorite Scripture
"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."
Ephesians 6:1

Memorial Service
Friday, March 11, 1988 - 7:00 P.M.
Friendship Church of God in Christ
1654 E. San Antonio Street
San Jose, California
Supt. K. Smith, Pastor

Funeral Services
Saturday, March 12, 1988 - 9 A.M.
Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ
San Jose, California
Supt. P. Bates, Pastor

Officiating
Bishop B.R. Stewart, Jurisdictional Bishop
Northern California First Jurisdiction

Favorite Songs

One Of These Mornings

One of these mornings, one of these mornings, I'm going to lay down my cross and get my crown. One of these evenings, One of these evenings, I'm going home to live on high.

Just as my feet strike Zion. Lay down my heavy burdens. Put on my robe in Glory. Sing, Lord, and tell the story. Come over hills and mountains, up to the Christian fountain. All our sons and daughters will drink of the healing waters. I'm going to live on forever, I'm going to live on forever, I'm going to live on forever after while.

I'm going out sight seeing in Beulah. March around Gods altar, Walk and never get tired, Fly and never falter. Move on up a little higher, Meet my dear mother, Meet the Lily of the Valley. Move on up a little higher, Meet my dear father. Feast with the Rose of Sharon, Move on up a little higher, Meet the Hebrew children. We are going to live on forever, We are going to live on forever, We are going to live on forever after while.

Look Where He Brought Me From

Verse 1
Look where He brought me from, Look where He brought me from
Brought me out of darkness, into this marvelous light
Look where He brought me from.

Verse 2
He brought me from a long ways off, He brought me from a long ways off
Brought me out of darkness, into this marvelous light
Look where He brought me from.

Verse 3
He brought me out of sin and shame, He brought me out of sin and shame
Brought me out of darkness, into this marvelous light
Look where He brought me from.

Obituary

Missionary Vila Mae Smith, the fourth oldest of nine children, was born to her proud parents, Easel Alexander and Selena Lewis Alexander, in Newton County, Mississippi, on July 6, 1924.

Missionary Smith received her formal education in Kosciusko, Mississippi and taught school for a time in Mississippi. In 1979, she completed her Teacher's Certificate from the C.H. Mason Bible College- San Jose Campus. She was the first person in the San Jose area to graduate from this campus.

In 1943, she moved to San Jose, California. On February 20, 1948, Vila Mae Alexander and Kelly Smith were joined in holy matrimony and were happily married for forty years. To this union were born five children: Naomi Smith Hammonds, Kelly Lee, Paul Hurriah, Timothy Sr. and NaRuth.

Missionary Smith accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1948 under the ministry of the late Bishop Milton Mathis, founder of the Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ, San Jose California. She served faithfully there until her husband, Rev. Kelly Smith, began a pastorate at the Friendship Church of God in Christ in 1962. She joined her husband at Friendship and worked diligently in many ministries at the Friendship Church until her death.

After enduring a very short illness, Missionary Smith left this life to be with the Lord on March 3, 1988.

Missionary Vila Mae Smith was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a distinguished Saint of God. Her love for people, particularly children, was unsurpassed. Her talent of caring and helping those in need was an attribute possessed by few.

The numerous works and positions in the community included: membership in the San Jose Chapter of the Interdenominational Ministers Wives Alliance and Foster Parent for Santa Clara County. She served in many positions in her local church, her district and her state. In 1973, Missionary Smith became a Licensed Missionary and served her Lord well in the mission ministries.

She leaves behind her a loving husband, Rev. Kelly Smith, Pastor of Friendship Church of San Jose and Miracle Revival Church of Palo Alto, five children (mentioned previously), six grand children, Xavier LaMar Smith, Timothy Gregory Smith II, San Jose, Chara Angela Christine Hammonds, Ashante Dorielle Hammonds, Inglewood, Thurston Myron Smith, Fresno, and Sabrina Elaine Smith, San Jose. Three sisters: Mrs. Videana Crumpler and Mrs. Ressie Cameron, San Jose and Mrs. Severa Earles, Hayward. Two brothers: Henry and Stafford Alexander of San Jose, three brothers-in-law: Arthur Crumpler, Rev. Delvin Cameron and Robert Earles; two sisters-in-law: Clara and Hilda Alexander; and one son-in-law, Dr. Kenneth Hammonds, Inglewood. She also leaves aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins and godchildren, friends and the spiritual families of the Friendship Church and the Miracle Revival Church. Missionary Smith was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Lavaughn Wells and Effie Ricks. She was also preceded in death by her brother.

Surely, we all shall miss Missionary Vila Mae Smith, but the memory of her joyous presence and the enduring work of her diligent hands shall live on through eternity.

Memorial Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1988 - 7:00 P.M.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Elder C.L. Hammonds, Jr.

PROCESSIONAL

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

SCRIPTURE READING - OLD TESTAMENT
- NEW TESTAMENT

INVOCATION

SELECTION .....Regional Mass Choir

EXPRESSIONS (2 minute limit).....Members of Friendship and Miracle Revival

SOLO .....Sis. E. Thomas

EXPRESSIONS (2 minute limit)..... Miss'y C. MacMillian
Guest Missionaries

SELECTION ..... Regional Mass Choir

EXPRESSIONS (2 minute limit) ..... Elder R. Odom
Guest Elders and Pastors

RESOLUTION .....San Jose District

SOLO .....Miss'y E. Winbush

EXHORTATIONS .....Supt. J. Jones

PARTING VIEW .....Jones Mortuary Staff

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Order of Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1988 - 9:00 A.M.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Supt. O. Tevis

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READING - OLD TESTAMENT ..... Supt. E. Ferrell
- NEW TESTAMENT ..... Dr. S. Clifton

INVOCATION ..... Supt. L.C. Patton
2nd Admin. Asst. No. CÅ 1st Jurisdiction

SELECTION ..... State Mass Choir

SPECIAL TRIBUTES (2 minute limit)
Representing the Women's Department ..... District Miss'y G. Campbell
Representing the National Evangelists ..... National Evangelist E.M. Duffey

EXPRESSION ..... Mother G.E. Smith
State Supervisor, No. CA 1st Jurisdiction

SOLO .....Sis. Levetts

EXPRESSIONS (2 minute limit)
Representing the Elders and Pastors .....Supt. S. Harris
Representing the Superintendents and Bishops .....Supt. J. King

SELECTION .....State Mass Choir

RESOLUTION .....Sis. H. Smith, Friendship Church

CONDOLENCES .....Sis. Isley

SOLO .....Sis. M. Wilson

OBITUARY .....Sis. Freddie Davis

SOLO .....Sis. R. Turner

EULOGY .....Bishop B.R. Stewart
No. CA 1st Jurisdictional Bishop

PARTING VIEW .....Jones Mortuary Staff

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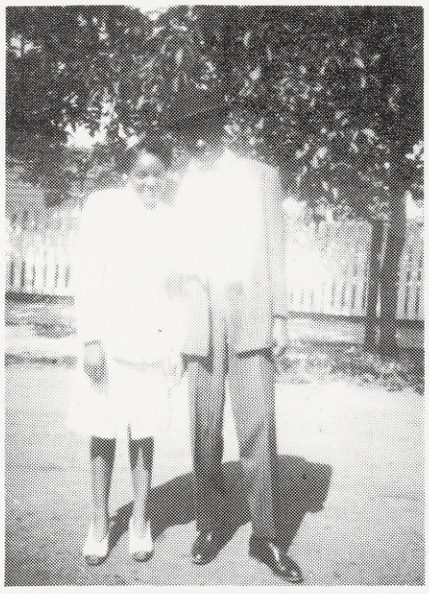

WE THANK YOU

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a flower, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say
Perhaps you are not here at all, just thinking of us on
this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much. Whatever the part.

The Alexander-Smith Family

PALLBEARERS

Honorary Pallbearers

Sis. G. Ford
Sis. V. Irving
Sis. M. Harris
Sis. C. MacMillian
Sis. I. Robinson
Mother G. Starling
Sis. E. Winbush
Sis. M. Metcalf
Sis. E. Johnson

Active Pallbearers

Bro. C. Ford
Bro. H. Johnson
Bro. M. Anderson
Eld. S. Isley
Min. A. Cooper
Eld. E. Irving

- INTERMENT -
Oak Hill Cemetary, San Jose, California

Repass at the Friendship Church dining room

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